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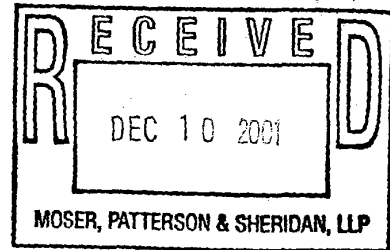
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DOC DATE: 09/17/2001

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1) 21 Aug, 2001 
JEFFREY BODE

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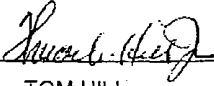
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CRAIG FISHBECK
- 3) 17 Sept, 2001 
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The specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto
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- ☐ Express Mail No.(as Serial No. not yet known)
- ☐ and was amended on _____ (if applicable)
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____
- ☐ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56,

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PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and have also identified below any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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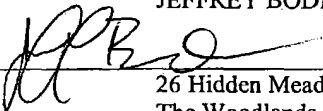
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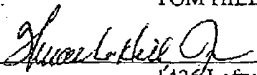
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